

**DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**  
(UNASSIGNED NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**METHODS OF MAKING TUNGSTEN CARBIDE-BASED ANNULAR JEWELRY ARTICLES**

and for which a patent application:

- ☒ is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
☐ was filed in the United States on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (declaration not accompanying application) with amendment(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
☐ was filed as PCT international Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION			
APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE
60/058,136	September 8, 1997

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:


NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS		
		PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED
10/410,656	April 8, 2003		X	
09/571,583	May 15, 2000	X		
09/149,796	September 8, 1998	X		

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256) and Daniel J. Hulseberg (Reg. No. 36,554) of Winston & Strawn LLP, my attorneys, to prosecute this application, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Title: METHODS OF MAKING TUNGSTEN  
CARBIDE-BASED ANNULAR JEWELRY  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL  
ENTITY STATUS [37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) - Independent Inventor]**

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Sir:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled **METHODS OF MAKING TUNGSTEN CARBIDE-BASED ANNULAR JEWELRY ARTICLES** described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.27 (g)]

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